(b) Names of the companies, who have been licensed to produce these antibiotics and formulations based thereon during the period are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the antibiotic/ formulation
1.	M/s. Glaxo India	(i) Cefuraxime Inj. (ii) Ceftazidime
2.	M/s. Lupin Labs.	(i) Cephadrexil Monohydrate and its formulations.

Production details of these antibiotics are not monitored.

(c) These antibiotics are not price controlled.

(d) to (g) Imports of bulk drugs and finished formulations are not monitored. Exemption from custom duty on imported formulations are given by the Ministry of Finance on the advice of Director General Health Services and necessary notifications are issued from time to time by the Ministry of Finance.

Clearance for Consumption of Imported Drugs and Medicines

4172. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Drugs and medicines are being imported as per pharmacopeial specifications and are allowed for clearance for consumption accordingly;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have allowed higher prices based on superior quality while fixing the prices of finished medicines than the average weighted prices of drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the names of drugs and medicines where higher prices were allowed during the last three years, year-wise and what are the details of specific difference in quality than others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Samples from drugs & medicines are tested according to Second Schedule of Drugs & Cosmetics Rules 1945 and in case the drag is not included in the India Pharmacopoeia, it is tested in accordance with the official pharmacopoeia of any other country. Biological and other special products specified in Schedule 'C of Schedule C(l) of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules have to comply with the standards specified in Schedule 'F' of F(l) of the said Schedule.

(b) and .(c) Yes, Sir. there has been one case where, for determining the ceiling price of Carbamazapine Syrup 2% 50 ml. paediatric syrup for epilepsy, the price allowed for the imported bulk drug Carbamazapine was higher than the DGHS weighted average prices in view of the need for special quality.

Producers of Price-controlled antibiotics

4173. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the producers of each of price controlled antibiotics and what was the production of each during last three years, year-wise;

(b) what is the stage from which each is producing and what is the name of intermediate or penultimate in case of production from these stages of each drug and which of them enjoys custom duty reduction;

(c) what was the price of each of these antibiotics before DPCO 1987 and what is the present price and when the price of each was revised; and

(d) what are the present leader prices of formulations based on each and what was the price before DPCO 1987 and when was each revised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Details of production in the organised sector during the last three years and approved starting stages are given in the Statement (see below). Out of the approved starting materials indicated in the Annexe, only Pen. G first crystals (if imported for manufacture of 6-APA/7-ADCA their related bulk drugs) and Rifa-S enjoy reduced customs duty of nil and 25% respectively.

(c) and (d) Prices of all controlled bulk drugs and ceflirig prices of formulations based on controlled bulk drugs are notified in the Gazette of India from time to time copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.